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CAPACITY OF CELLS USING
TELOMERASE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

This Amendment is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits, dated January 15, 2002, for which a response is due April 15, 2002. This paper is accompanied by a Petition for a two-month extension, and authorization to charge the deposit account for the requisite fee.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant has given careful consideration to the analysis in the Office Action. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.